



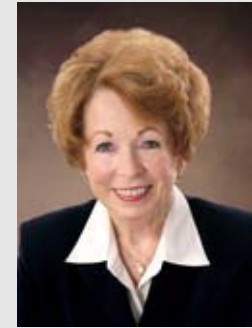
Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

District 10 is a safe community. I firmly believe this. However, I also realize that as safe as we are, there is no guarantee that crime will not have an impact on our day to day lives. Our San Jose Police force does an excellent job of patrolling our streets and keeping our families safe, but even they cannot be everywhere at every time. Criminals are constantly looking to take advantage of easy opportunities. It is up to each of us, working in collaboration with our friends and neighbors, to make sure that these criminal acts are thwarted. Whether visiting one of our local shopping areas, community gathering spots or even just traveling through your own neighborhood, it pays to be vigilant and take steps to ensure one's personal safety and the safety of our community. Neighborhood awareness is a great first step, but in order to be truly prepared I encourage each of you to take advantage of opportunities the City offers as we work to create safer neighborhoods, business areas and recreational gathering spots.

I was very disturbed to hear that recently a series of burglaries took place in a local District 10 shopping center where thieves cut their way into one store and proceeded to cut holes in the adjoining walls of two additional stores. This type of crime is not common in Almaden Valley or Blossom Valley and **will not be tolerated at any level**. While Captain Vaughan Edwards and his hardworking team from the SJPD continue to investigate, it is critical to remember that security precautions are just as important for our strong network of small businesses as they are for our residents. Whether it means installing an alarm system or even going so far as to place security cameras in strategic positions, these types of changes can help a business to ensure a constant level of security. While businesses can take several security approaches, involvement from knowledgeable and vigilant individuals in the community can be an incredible deterrent to crime as well. I am confident that new additions to the police department and the Southern Substation that is opening in 2009, will accentuate the great service we receive from the SJPD. In the meantime it is up to each of us to personally build upon the security and safety which the SJPD provides for our families.

I cannot emphasize enough how useful the City's **Neighborhood Watch Program** is in educating residents on ways to be an active participant in fostering a safe and secure community. Just recently I was able to attend the Montevideo neighborhood's introductory meeting for Neighborhood Watch. Crime Prevention Specialist Dirk Parsons presented an incredibly informative and useful overview of the Neighborhood Watch program and was able to leave that evening with a commitment to safety from nearly every street in the Montevideo area. Many of those streets have since participated in their first Neighborhood Watch meetings and I have received a tremendous amount of positive feedback. The Neighborhood Watch Program focuses on informing the community regarding ways to discourage, deter and prevent crimes such as

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Councilmember Nancy Pyle speaks at the groundbreaking of the San Jose Police Department's new South Substation. The Substation is scheduled to open in 2009 and will serve the entire San Jose community, while particularly assisting the Officers that patrol District 2, 8, 9 and 10.

burglary, auto theft, car break-ins, and personal crimes which often occur in or near homes. Issues such as vandalism, graffiti, drug dealing and gang activity are also addressed when applicable.

I am in the process of exploring a partnership with some of our local small business groups and the Neighborhood Watch program to see if we might be able to offer a future training session for many of the local businesses in District 10. More information will be coming soon in regards to this project, but I am optimistic about its benefit and impact in the District 10 community. I am committed to keeping this community safe. Whether it is the \$2.3 million dollars from District 10 that I allocated towards the construction of SJPD's South Substation or my continued fight to not only maintain but increase funding for the Neighborhood Watch program over the past three years, I promise to stand up for your safety and the security of this community. I implore you to explore the possibilities that our Neighborhood Watch program can provide to your neighborhood. For more information, please give Dirk Parsons a call at (408)277-4133 or visit the program's website at <http://www.sjpd.org/crimeprev/neighborhoodwatch.html>.

Best Wishes,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Citywide Update

• Community Sports Update

From February 11th to February 15th, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) conducted a telephone survey as part of the research for the Sports Field Study. The survey, a random sample of 600 households, helped provide a better understanding of the community priorities for field renovation, sport facilities, and programs that are offered. Once these preferences and options for improvements have been compiled, the Sports Field Study will be presented to the City Council in June 2008.

The Leland Sports Complex, a joint development between the City and the San Jose Unified School District, is now open for reservations. The official opening will occur later this Spring after the completion of the restroom facility. This soft opening of the facility will afford the opportunity for City staff to work with the District and local groups to ensure an effective reservation and utility process for the facility. Two synthetic turf fields are available for football play. For more information regarding field reservations, please contact the Citywide Sports Office at 408-871-3827.

Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information please contact the District 10
Office at (408) 535-4910*

Fight back against Graffiti in District 10

In the last week of February, City departments joined forces with other agencies to conduct a comprehensive, citywide graffiti abatement effort. The Santa Clara Valley Water District addressed their efforts in the watershed areas such as the Guadalupe, Coyote and Los Gatos Trails, the Alviso water ways. Caltrans abated graffiti on the highways and freeways which run through San Jose.

Santa Clara County Roads and Airports targeted their efforts on the expressways within San Jose. The Valley Transportation Authority abated graffiti on their bus and light rail areas. The City's Department of Transportation focused on the Downtown core business district and the General Services Department focused on all City parks and buildings.

The weeklong effort was coordinated by the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department. Over 3,000 volunteers trained in graffiti removal assisted with the removal effort. Many areas in District 10 were cleaned with emphasis on the following streets and areas: Entrada Cedros, Giuffrida Ave, the area around Oakridge Mall, Snell and Capitol Area, Hillsdale Ave., and Branham Lane. **For more information on how to get involved in continuing removal efforts, please contact Aurelia Bailey in the Anti-Graffiti / Anti-Litter Program at (408) 277-3208.**

- **Green Conference Moves to San Jose**

West Coast Green, a conference that drew 12,000 attendees to San Francisco in 2007, will instead stage its 2008 event in San Jose this September. **It is the largest green building conference in the United States.** The move south is expected to accommodate up to 500 vendors on the exhibit floor versus 260 last year. The show is also expected to engage the private sector in at least seven of the City's 10 Green Vision goals. For details, visit <http://www.westcoastgreen.com/about/>.

- **Mineta San Jose International Airport Update**

US News & World Reports recently rated **San Jose best among the nation's 47 busiest airports**, based on the combination of 2007 on-time performance and load factors, which is the percentage of seats filled with passengers. At SJC, flights departed on schedule 83 percent of the time and were 77 percent full, on average.

JetBlue recently announced that it would start air service to Long Beach from San Jose with three daily flights beginning in May 2008. **This doubles the number of JetBlue flights serving SJC**, and adds an entirely new destination for San Jose travelers. JetBlue currently has daily flights to New York and Boston.

In addition, the Airport has received notices from three other airlines that they are adding flights from SJC beginning in April and May this year. Altogether, **SJC is getting five new flights** compared to last spring/summer. Alaska is bringing back a seasonal flight to Seattle, for a total of seven a day that will operate approximately every two hours like a shuttle service; **American** is adding one flight to Dallas and one to Orange County that had been cancelled in December and January, and it is adding a third daily flight to Chicago O'Hare that had been cancelled in October 2006. **Southwest** is adding three daily flights to Denver for a net gain of one daily flight.

- **Third Annual Citywide Job Shadow Day**

The City of San Jose hosted its third annual Job Shadow Day on Thursday, February 14th. The goal of the event is to attract the local talent pool to careers in the public sector beginning in middle and high school. Human Resources partnered with Junior Achievement to roll out the City's largest Job Shadow Day event, with approximately 100 students from James Lick High School, Pala Middle School and Fischer Middle School in attendance. Fifteen City Departments provided a rich cadre of interactive,

Are you interested in Solar Home Conversions?

If you are interested in forming and/or participating in a neighborhood "group buy" for solar home conversion please let us know so we can keep a list of interested folks and put you in touch with each other. Other residents in San Jose are currently coordinating solar home conversions for their neighborhoods.

If you are interested and would like to see what is being done in the downtown area, please feel free to visit the following website <http://sanjosesolar.blogspot.com/> or contact Kathy Sutherland at 535-4981 or by e-mail at kathy.sutherland@sanjoseca.gov. Please be sure to include your address and contact information so we are able to get back to you and connect you with interested neighbors

Scholarships Abound In District 10

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which provides grants to community organizations, **also manages a number of scholarships for local youth.** Most provide scholarships between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to students in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. **The deadline for many of these scholarships is Wednesday, March 5th.** Please visit www.siliconvalleycf.org for more information.

District 10's Tip of the Month

Do you know how to survive if you ever suffer a heart attack when you're alone? This month we're going to tell you how ...

It's 6:15 pm and you're driving home from work after an unusually hard day at the office. You're frustrated, tired and

hands-on experiences to inspire our students toward local government professions. Students also enjoyed special remarks from City Manager Debra Figone and a representative from Councilmember Nora Campos' office to better understand the relevance of local government in their daily lives. Job Shadow Day has become one of the City's signature succession planning events, and was again deemed by students and staff to be a complete success.

- **Holiday Parade Receives 9 Regional Awards**

The San Jose Holiday Parade was **once again honored by the regional festival and events industry with nine 1st place awards in marketing and event management at the recent California/ Nevada Festivals and Events Association Conference (CalFest)**. The awards received were Best Souvenir Item (Battle of the Bands collector's pin); Best Single Newspaper Ad (SJ Mercury News); Best New Idea (Say Cheese Holiday Promotion); Best Website; Best Event Photograph; Best TV Commercial (Say Cheese); Best Promotional Poster; Best Rack Card and Best Marketing Campaign. One of the Top 25 Parades in the United States, the 2008 San Jose Holiday Parade will take place on Sunday, December 7th.

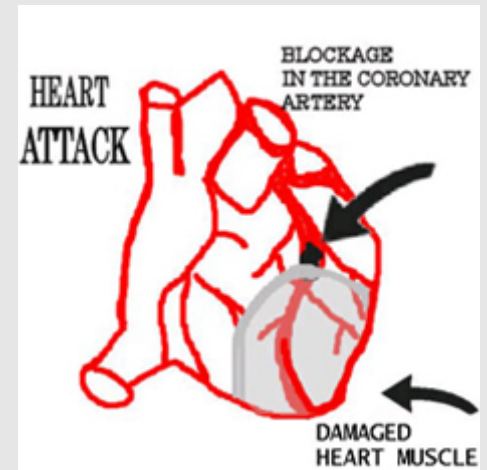
- **City Establishes a Tree Bank for Local Native Oaks**

In an effort to promote regeneration of local native oak trees, acorns were collected from existing trees at Watson Park in the Fall of 2007. Currently, 900 acorns have germinated and were shipped in late February to a native plant nursery to be grown into saplings. The goal is to develop a tree bank of up to 750 oak trees for planting at Watson Park and other public sites located within the same watershed. The oaks are native trees collected locally and are suitable for mitigation projects. Acorn collection was done by a consulting biologist and they are currently located at his office.

- **Hundreds of Local High School Students Opt to 'Beat the Statistics' at Conference**

On February 1st, 220 youth representing 21 high schools, participated in the "Beat the Statistics Citywide Youth Conference" sponsored by the City's Youth Commission. The purpose of the conference was to provide youth with the tools necessary to make positive change in their lives and in their communities. Conference workshops ranged from "Teen Crime" to "Cool Stuff They Should Teach You in High School." The day concluded with the students signing a pledge to make a difference within themselves, their homes, and their neighborhood or school. The conference was also a tool to recruit new participants for the

upset. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.



What to do??

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. The key is not to panic. Start coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, the cough must be deep and prolonged, similar to when you cough deep inside your chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital in time.

District Youth Advisory Committees (YAC). All YAC's were successful in recruiting new participants for their Committees with most receiving between 5 and 20 new participant registrations. For more information on District 10's Youth Advisory Committee, please attend their weekly meeting every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on the second floor of the Almaden Community Center.

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

Join Councilmember Pyle for Pat's Run!

Join me on May 3rd in at the 3rd annual [Pat's Run](#), benefiting the Pat Tillman Foundation. This is a truly inspiring event that unites all ages in a **4.2 mile Run / Walk and free 0.42 mile Kids' Run to honor the man who has motivated so many to engage in active leadership, community service and personal goal attainment.** The 4.2 mile course honors the number 42 jersey that Tillman wore for the Leland Chargers and ASU Sun Devils. In addition to the run, enjoy the expo area, entertainment and refreshments.

Pat's Run gives us the opportunity to celebrate the life of one of our own. Pat grew up in New Almaden, where this past September a monument for him was unveiled. After graduating from Leland in 1994, Pat played football for Arizona State University, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.84 GPA in Marketing prior to being drafted by the Arizona Cardinals. Following September 11th, Pat walked away from the NFL, enlisting in the US Army with his brother, Kevin. On April 22, 2004 Pat died in Afghanistan. Pat's Run is an opportunity for our community to celebrate Pat's life.



To learn more, register to run or walk, or register to volunteer, please go to <http://www.patsrun.com/sanjose.php>

VTA Sets an Open House for Valley Transportation Plan 2035 (VTP 2035)

The Valley Transportation Plan 2035 (VTP 2035) is the long-range transportation plan for Santa Clara County. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) invites you to the Open House for VTP 2035 to review the list of projects, ask questions and provide input on prioritizing the projects.

The project categories are: Transit, Intelligent Transportation Systems,

Pass this tip on to friends. Although most people don't think about it on a daily basis, heart attacks occur in people of all age groups, even those who are only in their mid-20's.

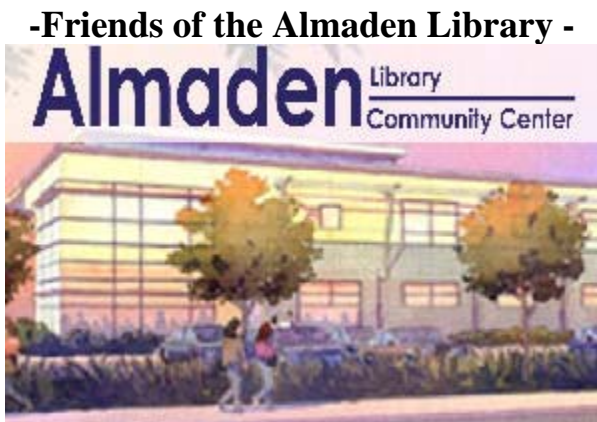
City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

Transportation, Soundwalls, Pavement Management, and Graffiti Removal & Landscape Restoration.

For more information about VTP 2035, please visit us at www.vta.org/studies/vtp2035/ or call VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575, or TDD for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330. Or email comments to vtp2035@vta.org

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
San Jose City Hall – Council Chambers
200 East Santa Clara Street



2008 Dates to Remember

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| Pre-sale Meeting: | Tuesday, March 4th - 2 pm to 4 pm |
| Spring Book Sale: | Saturday, April 19th - 9 am to 3 pm |
| Post-sale & Annual Meeting: | Tuesday, May 6th - 6:30 pm to 8 pm |
| Pre-sale Meeting: | Tuesday, September 16 - 2 pm to 4pm |
| Fall Book Sale: | Saturday, November 1 - 9 am to 3 pm |
| Post-sale & Annual Meeting: | Tuesday, November 18 - 2 pm to 4 pm |

Neighborhood Center

Opportunities for District 10 Teens!

Paid Summer Internship Opportunities

Each year the Metropolitan Transportation Commission sponsors a High School Internship program. The purpose of the program is to introduce high school students (in 10th, 11th or 12th grade) to career opportunities in the field of transportation, and to provide MTC's transportation partners (such as traffic engineers at city and county public works departments or planners at transit agencies) with assistance.

Gain exposure and valuable experience in various transportation related careers! Apply for the **Summer Metropolitan Transportation Commission High School Summer Internship Program.**

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**World Calendar
March 2008**

This month Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, and Vermont will hold their primaries in the U.S. presidential election, the 2008 Formula 1 World Championship begins in Melbourne, Australia and on March 28th the 2008 Major League Soccer season will start.

Wednesday, March 5th:
9:45 am – 11:00 am
[Almaden Senior](#) Association
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Work sites are available throughout the Bay Area including sites in the following cities: San Jose, Oakland, Orinda, Pittsburg, San Ramon, Napa, San Mateo, Benicia, Healdsburg, San Rafael, and San Francisco.

All positions will be posted on MTC's website at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/jobs/high_school/index.htm. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have a 2.8 GPA or higher (students with a GPA lower than 2.8 must submit 2 letters of recommendation). Graduating seniors are also eligible to apply and all applications are due by Friday, March 28th.

2008 Congressional Art Contest - An Artistic Discovery



Congressman Mike Honda is proud to support the annual Congressional Art Contest, in which high school students compete to have their artwork displayed in the Cannon Building Tunnel - a public pedestrian walkway to the U.S. Capitol Building. This contest encourages and recognizes the artistic talents of students across our nation. The winning entry from Congressional District 15 will be flown with a guest to Washington, D.C. in June for the awards ceremony, courtesy of Southwest Airlines. **The 2008 deadline for this contest is April 18th, 2008 at 5:00 pm. Entries should be submitted to Congressman Honda's Campbell Office at 1999 S. Bascom Ave. Suite 815 in Campbell, CA 95008.**

Students can submit original work in the following categories: Paintings, Drawings, Collage, Prints, Mixed media, Computer generated art & Photography. Students need to reside in the 15th Congressional District to participate in the contest. **For more information, please contact Christine Pham, Congressional Aide, at (408)558-8085.**

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Thursday, March 6th:
8:00 am - 9:30 am
Almaden Business Association
Breakfast Meeting
Amato's Pizzeria; 6081 Meridian Ave # A
<http://www.almadenbizassn.org/>

Monday, March 10th:
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Wednesday, March 19th:
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Hoffman Via Monte
Neighborhood Action Coalition
Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Thursday, March 20th:
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Santa Teresa Foothills
Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Southside Community Center

Tuesday, March 26th:
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
VEP Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Vista Park Community Room;
Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

March Trivia

Q: Ever been stuck in the doldrums? It's an actual place. Where would you find it?

-Trivia Answer-

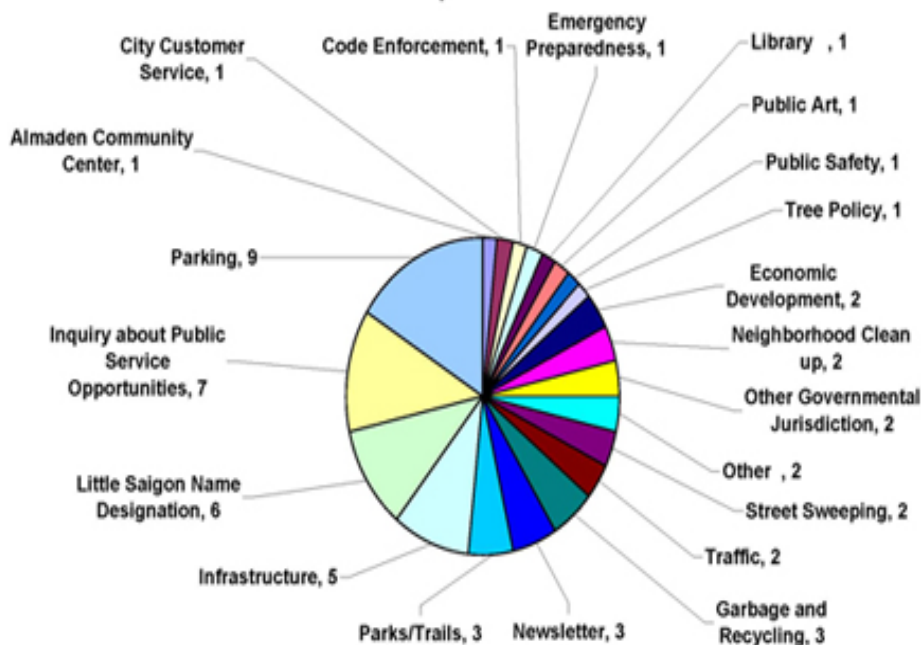
A: The Doldrums is the region around the equator, also known as the Intertropical Convergence Zone, where the northeast and southeast trade winds converge and neutralize each other, leaving little to fill a ship's sails. It's widely thought that the phrase "in the doldrums" derives from this place, but it's the other way around. "Doldrum" was a 19th century word meaning "sluggish" and it was applied to the region by becalmed mariners.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

***~ Robert Louis Stevenson,
Novelist & Poet***

***Murphy's 13th Law -
Success always occurs in private. And
failure in full public view***

February 2008 Constituent Concerns, Comments and Requests by Topic



Please note that these statistics only include e-mails and phone calls from District 10 residents, Councilwide e-mails are not included.

Don't forget

***- Change your clocks on March 9th -
"spring" ahead by one hour***

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